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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/2007

SPONSOR Ulibarri LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE NM Tech Homeland Security Center SB 775

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$36.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 775 appropriates \$36,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Regents for expenditure in FY 2008 to restore previous cuts and provide funds for expansion of the Homeland Security Center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$36,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico Tech is leading a collaborative effort to establish a center that would provide Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal agencies a facility that offers, among other things, standardized emergency operations training for first responders, and advanced

training for emergency operations and medical personnel. This center is operated out of the town of Playas, New Mexico.

This request was submitted by NM Tech to HED for review of additional funds to the base funding in the amount of \$35,900 but is not included in the Department's funding recommendation. Instead, the Department is recommended a continuance of FY07 recurring funding in the amount of \$308,400, with no additional funding at this time.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 7/SB 2 (General Appropriation Acts) appropriate \$308,400 of state funds and \$5,000,000 in federal funds for the Homeland Security Center.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

New Mexico Tech opened the Playas Research and Training Center, which is located in the boot heel area of southwest New Mexico, on December 2, 2004. The Center is the site for national homeland security training and research programs. New Mexico State University's program focuses on agricultural and food supply security.

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